



## From the desk of . . .

**J.M. "Buddy" Phillips, Executive Director  
Florida Sheriffs Association**



I'd like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new members, those who joined our association in the first part of this year. I would also like to apologize for any delay you may have experienced in receiving your membership decals and identification card.

As many of you know, the Florida Sheriffs Association has continued to grow over the years. Despite growth, we have stuck to our commitment to keep administrative costs down and have continued our tradition of assuring that the majority of donations go directly toward programs which help create safer communities in Florida.

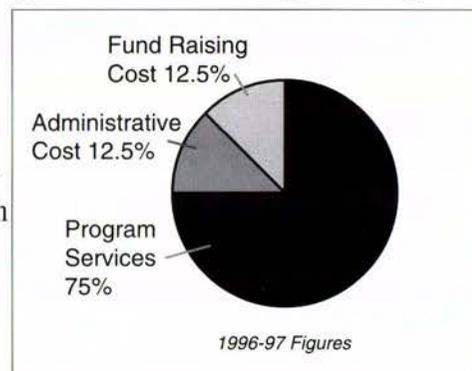
The downside of keeping overhead low is delayed processing when we get a large influx of new members at one time, which is what happened following a spring mailing. It's a good problem to have, of course, but I want to assure those who are new to our ranks of our commitment to our members. With so many so-called "non profit" agencies conducting telephone solicitations, claiming to represent the interests of law enforcement, we don't want to leave any room for doubt about FSA. And our long-term members will tell you, the Florida Sheriffs Association is worth being a part of year after year.

In fact, just scan the back pages of this magazine and you'll see faces of those who have believed in our mission for 25, 30, 40 years or longer. They are our Honorary members and we appreciate the confidence they've given us.

As long as we're on the topic of being tardy. . . I'd also like to offer an apology to our long standing members who received their last issue of *The Sheriff's Star* magazine late. A combination of the editorial department running behind and the printer having production problems caused the issue to be mailed later than usual. I now have reassurances from both editorial and printing that measures are being taken to get us back on schedule and keep us there in the future.

Accountability is our primary concern. The Florida Sheriffs Association is committed to not only being accountable to members, but also providing tangible results for our efforts. Charitable watchdog groups recommend that at least 50 to 60 percent of a group's annual budget should go to the purpose for which the money was raised. The Florida Sheriff's Association's record far exceeds that. More than 75 percent of the FSA budget goes right into programs that enhance law enforcement in all counties throughout the state, including yours. Only 12.5 percent goes toward administration and another 12.5 percent toward fundraising — by mail, only. The Sheriff's Association does not employ telemarketers, and we do not use outside sources for fundraising efforts.

I make this commitment to you, that if at any time during the first year, you are dissatisfied with the work of the Florida Sheriffs Association and wish to discontinue your membership, contact me personally in our Tallahassee office. We'll be happy to refund your membership in full. We look forward to delivering on our promise of service, and keeping you a satisfied member, in the coming year.



*Buddy*

J. M. "Buddy" Phillips  
Executive Director

# THE SHERIFF'S STAR



## In Their Honor

Memorial Ceremony for Officers killed in the line of duty, see page 4.



## Crime Prevention Tip:

# Don't Fall For This "Lost Pet" Scam

Your beloved five-year-old cat goes outside to explore the yard one day and doesn't return. You scour the neighborhood, nailing flyers to telephone poles with a description and picture. You even take out a classified ad in the Lost Pet section of the newspaper and offer a reward.

Then one day you get a phone call. A genuine sounding voice is on the other end of the line. It's a man who says he's a truck driver and fellow animal lover. He was traveling through your town on a recent trip and discovered a cat wandering near the highway. Fearing it might be hit by a car, he says he rescued the animal and took it with him to Arizona. After a quick exchange of information, he says he's sure it's your cat and he's ready to put the cat on the next flight out of town. But, oh, by the way, can you wire him a check to cover the transportation expenses?

Don't fall for it.

As difficult as it might be in a time like this, try to use your head and not your heart. Because of the proliferation of newspaper web pages, making classified advertising as accessible as a few taps on the keyboard, scams such as this are on the rise.

In fact, one former Florida Sheriff was contacted by such a con artist. The retired Sheriff and his wife lost their 11-year-old toy poodle. After becoming suspicious, he reported it to the Sheriff's Office which set up a sting operation advertising a fictional lost dog. The sting netted a call from a third pet owner, who had been called by the man and was alerting other pet owners to the possibility of fraud.

The con artist, who identified himself to pet owners as "Skip" or "Richard Woodman," eventually called the sting phone number. But after a brief conversation with the sheriff's investigator, the man hung up.

He later refused to pick up a check wired to him as part of the sting.

One of the best victims of a scam is a person who is emotionally involved. And if you have ever owned a pet, you know that losing one can be a very gut-wrenching experience.

Targeting a person who is distraught is part of their plan. To add credibility to their story, they might embellish the "found pet" tale with a myriad of real-sounding details. For example, one man said he had to chase a cat around the warehouse to read the tag on its collar. The con man or woman might even ask for a specific marking on the pet and put you on hold to check it out. Then come back to the phone a few minutes later to say, "Yup, that's him."

In a rash of pet scams in one community, the culprit chose people whose pets had been advertised as being lost for at least two weeks — long enough for the owners to believe that maybe their pet did get on a truck and travel across the country.

The best victims are pet owners who offer large rewards, ranging from \$200 to \$500. Of course, the scam artist can throw

victims off by insisting he wants no reward. He may say he just wants to return the pet to its rightful owners on the next flight out of town. But over the course of several phone calls, the con artist might spin an ever more expensive tale of the costs being incurred to return the pets.

In one case, a man said that in addition to the cost of the plane ticket, he needed to buy a travel crate for the animal and have a veterinarian issue a health certificate. He made each charge

sound authentic by citing specific prices, giving one person a final tally of \$323.50.

If your pet becomes lost and you are contacted by a person claiming to have found it, the Florida Sheriffs urge you to take precautions. Any time money and emotions are involved, bad decisions can follow. Contact your Sheriff's Office or Police Department for specific guidance and wise counsel.

It may not be easy, as even those who suspected a scam admitted they wanted to believe their pet had been found and was safe. But be aware of those in this world who will prey on your heart.



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# In Their Honor

## Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony brings proclamation, tears

**B**eneath overcast skies and gray clouds threatening rain, a mix of children eager with anticipation and their parents, with faces a bit more somber, gathered on May 4 for the 16th Annual Law Enforcement Memorial parade and ceremony in Tallahassee.

Survivors of fallen officers killed in the line of duty, politicians, public officials and hundreds of uniformed Police officers and Sheriffs' deputies paid tribute to those who gave their lives defending the law during a formal ceremony which included marching, prayer, speeches and the traditional bagpipes.

Last year, 160 U.S. law enforcement officers lost their lives in the line of duty — a 36 percent increase over 1996. Florida has the fourth largest number of officers killed nationally, behind California, Illinois and Texas.

"It's not how they died that made them heroes, but how they lived," said Philip Cameron, president of the



Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police.

Facing wind gusts that created popping sounds from the microphone, Robert Hall, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, sang the national anthem and various personalities addressed the crowd. Florida Governor Lawton Chiles gave a speech introducing a proclamation formally recognizing the week of May 11 through 16 as Law Enforcement Memorial week in the state. The Mayor of Tallahassee, Scott Maddox, followed with a story about how as an 8-year-old boy, he remembers the day his mother told him that his favorite uncle, who lived across the street from their Miami home and was a Metro-Dade officer, had been killed in the line of duty.

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Philip D. Cameron, president of the Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, introduced the speakers at the Law Enforcement Memorial Day ceremony. Dignitaries included (seated, from left) State Comptroller Bob Milligan, the Rev. James Crosby, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Tallahassee Mayor Scott Maddox; Florida Governor Lawton Chiles; State Senator Charlie Christ; Department of Education Commissioner Frank Brogan; and Secretary of State Sandra Mortham.



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In the audience, a 30-something woman with an infant in her arms and two children under six years of age on either side knew the pain he described. As did the elderly couple with a large pin attached to their shirts which bore a photograph of their deceased son with his police dog.

As each fallen officer's name was read, the family, flanked by uniformed Police and Sheriff's deputies, walked to the front and tucked a red carnation among a sea of white carnations which were arranged in the shape of Florida. Blue carnations were also used to designate those who died of natural causes, as well as those disabled in the line of duty. There was also recognition for police animals killed while serving.

A widow, less than 40 years of age, approached the memorial with arms crossed loosely and her head tilted to the side. Her eyes, which had poured so many tears over her lightly freckled cheeks, were dry for the moment. Framed beneath a knitted brow, a resigned look had taken them over.

Following his declaration of Law Enforcement Memorial week in the Capital City, Mayor Maddox concluded his speech saying, "And may we pray for the well-being of the survivors: Thank you for your sacrifice. And to those who serve — thank you for your courage. And for the officers who are down: You shall never be forgotten."



The Memorial parade showcased a collection of law enforcement vehicles, from the snazzy Firebird to Sports Utility Vehicles, and everything in between. Survivors of the fallen heroes, along with their fellow officers, marked the occasion by singing the national anthem, reciting the pledge of allegiance, and opening and closing the ceremony in prayer. It was a fitting tribute to those who laid down their lives for total strangers — the citizens of Florida.

The ceremony, which somehow managed to escape the rain, concluded with a 21-gun salute, taps, a tune by the bagpipes and a final blessing from the Rev. James Crosby of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.





The parade of troops was led by the motorcycle units, from both Police Departments and Sheriff's Offices. In the tradition of memorial services, one officer led a riderless horse with a boot turned backwards to signify lost soldiers.



Officers from more than 100 law enforcement agencies in formal parade fashion through downtown Tallahassee, about a quarter of a mile to the steps of the state Capitol. A flag-bearing Honor Guard was positioned between each agency, followed by the solemn-looking officers.



# False Alarm Ordinances On the Rise

**S**heriffs' Office deputies and Police Department officers log numerous hours responding to false alarms each week. In many counties, the false alarm is their No. 1 call: They spend more time responding to false alarms than any other call for service.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office in the Florida Keys recently compared the number of false alarms with valid burglary calls. In 1997, the county reported 667 burglaries. By contrast, deputies responded to 3,572 alarm calls that turned out to be false.

"This is a very serious concern," says Monroe County Sheriff Rick Roth. "Alarm calls are high priority because a deputy never knows until he (or she) arrives if it's false or if it is actually a burglary in progress. The potential danger of a burglary in progress means that we usually send more than one deputy to every alarm."

Depending on the county, one false alarm call can cost upwards of \$100, including salaries of personnel, vehicle use, fuel and miscellaneous expenses. Between the Police Department and Sheriffs Office in one county, the cost can add up to millions annually, representing a significant portion of their overall budgets.

Besides the monetary cost, false alarms also cost law-enforcement agencies and ultimately the taxpayers in loss of time spent deterring other crimes. Deputies responding to false alarm calls are taken away from other duties including patrolling the county's streets and neighborhoods. Worse, emergency calls may be delayed if deputies are responding to an alarm call that turns out to be false.

False alarm calls are proven to cause complacency in law enforcement officers, as well. When a large percentage are false, they may not treat a burglar alarm call with the caution necessary, which could be life threatening.

Many counties have adopted false alarm ordinances to help offset the costs. Leon County was the most recent to adopt such an ordinance. Monroe County's ordinance has been on the books since 1990.

But some ordinances are proving difficult to enforce. For

example, Monroe County's ordinance requires homeowners and businesses to register their alarms by filling out a Sheriff's Office Emergency Contact sheet, which many fail to do. The contact sheet allows dispatchers to contact alarm owners to notify them if there is a problem. The ordinance also requires alarm systems

to have battery backups so they will continue to work if the power goes out. There must be a device attached which turns the alarm off after 30 minutes of activation, as well.

In Monroe, if a home or business has excessive false calls, a fee is charged. They are allowed six false calls annually, but the seventh will bring a fine of \$10. The eighth alarm is pricier — \$25, and subsequent false calls are billed at \$75 each. Alarms that are caused by power outages or bad weather do not count toward the total number of false alarms.

A model false burglar and fire alarm ordinance recommended by the Alarm Association of Florida, Inc., allows only three false alarms per year, with the next three coming at a cost of \$25 each. Anything over seven costs \$50 each. Because such an ordinance also relies on alarms to be registered, they also recommend a fee of \$100 if a person is found to be using a non-registered alarm system.

Most false alarms are caused by three factors, according to Monroe County deputy Hugh Gibson. "Many false alarms go off because of weather conditions," he says. "But cheap, low quality systems can frequently go off for no reason, and motion detector type alarms can be set off by animals or some other type of moving object inside the building."

Gibson, who is the crime prevention coordinator and is charged with enforcing the ordinance, says motion detector alarms should only be used under the proper circumstances.

Most Sheriffs Offices and Police Department Crime Prevention Units can guide homeowners and business owners in their decision to purchase a security system; one that is better known for its reliability. As many citizens are finding, it pays to do a little research up front and avoid false alarm fees that can add up due to a faulty system.



Monroe County Sheriff  
Rick Roth

# Be On The Lookout, Business Owners Avoid Robbery



*Lt. Jim Beebe  
Citrus County  
Sheriff's Office*

If you own a retail-type business, or are employed by one, you should be concerned about the threat of robbery.

With the increase in drug use in Florida comes the craving for cold, hard cash. And that makes every business handling currency vulnerable to the threat of robbery

At the Big Bend Fraud & Forgery Workshop held this past April in Tallahassee, Florida Crime Prevention Association vice president and regional director Jim Beebe, provided the audience of 120 bankers and merchants with statistics about robbery. More importantly, he shared solid ideas to help avoid it.

"It's a lot cheaper to prevent a crime than to investigate it," Beebe said. Business owners and managers have an obligation to their employees and their customers to provide them with a safe environment, he said. Beebe, also a Lieutenant with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, said dollars aren't the only loss in a robbery. More costly is the increase in fear by employees and loss of confidence by customers. In fact, statistics show that 33 percent of employees who have been robbed quit their jobs

following a robbery.

"Robbery is the No. 1 source of violence from strangers," Beebe said. It's growing faster than any other crime. "They need drugs and they need them now," he added.

Robbery is defined as taking money or other property from a person using force, violence or fear. If a gun is used it's a first degree felony, punishable by life in prison. If the robbery uses force with any other weapon, it's punishable by up to 30 years. If the criminal doesn't use a weapon, it's still a second degree felony and they can serve as many as 15 years in prison.

The advantages a robber looks for is surprise and confrontation. The most popular weapon used is a handgun. Most robberies take less than a minute to complete.

"It's a planned crime," he said. The robber has likely become familiar with the territory ahead of time.

Business owners who think they might not be a target for robbery because of the socioeconomic status of their business or neighborhood might be surprised to learn that robberies cross all socioeco-

conomic lines. Certain factors do, in fact, attract robberies, though, and that means robbery can be discouraged if the business owner or manager takes certain precautions.

One is to not allow the interior of the store to be veiled by sale banners or other signage. Another is to train employees to be cautious at vulnerable times, including open and close of business, to avoid the element of surprise.

Robbers know that employees handle large amounts of cash at opening and closing, that they may possibly be working alone, and will likely have the least amount of customers.

Training employees in robbery prevention and how to help avoid other crimes is a good investment. And the investment is free. Most Sheriffs' Offices and Police Departments have Crime Prevention personnel who can offer their assistance by providing reading material, holding seminars or conducting other training classes to assist you.

Even more important than preventing the robbery is surviving one. Beebe said the No. 1 goal is to get the robber out of the place of business as soon as possible and survive without injury. That means employees should always be encouraged to cooperate with the robber's demands and treat the weapon used as real and lethal. Sudden moves should be avoided.

At the same time of preserving employees' welfare, robbery victims should also try to notice as many details of the robbery as possible. The better description of the person, the weapon, the time of the robbery, the vehicles used and the direction of travel can all be helpful to law enforcement.

The activity that follows a robbery is critical to solving the crime, Beebe emphasizes. "Don't do transactions," he said, as it will contaminate the crime scene. The best plan is to call 9-1-1, lock the doors and keep all witnesses, including customers, in the building until law enforcement arrives.

## TIPS / ADVICE

Although Sheriffs' Office Crime Prevention personnel can offer business owners and managers specific tips to help their business, Beebe offers some universal advice:

- Discourage robbery by making the inside of the store easily visible from the street. Don't block glass with banners and too many posters or signs.
- Make sure the cash register is more than arms' length away from the customer — and keep it well away from the door.
- Install a drop safe and use bait money which signals an alarm or dye packs in the cash drawer.
- Install a robbery alarm, which can be tripped discreetly by employees and which blares loudly outside of the business.
- Prior to unlocking the door to prepare for opening for business, drive around the shopping center or office building to check for suspicious vehicles or people. Also check for signs of a break-in and do not enter the building if you discover broken glass or other evidence of a burglary to avoid interrupting a crime in progress. Be sure to use a high visibility entrance, not a back door. The best plan is to have two employees open. One stays in their car while the other opens and gives the "all clear" sign for the other to enter. If arriving early, employees should lock themselves in until the opening time. And they should never open early for anyone.
- At closing, always close on time. Lock all doors at the time of closing, even if customers are still present. Check the entire building before leaving.
- Be wary of customers who try to keep you later than regular closing time.
- If called by someone after closing, possibly with a report that a door is unlocked or damaged, verify the call with police and have them meet you. It could be a set-up for robbery.
- If you see a suspicious individual, write down the description, the date and time. Don't rely on your memory. This information can be useful in identification in case this person comes back and commits a crime.

Imagine walking downtown and smelling an intoxicating tobacco-like odor coming from one of the store fronts. You look up to read the sign on the marquee and it says "Cannabis Club." Curious, you walk up to talk to the unkempt-looking fellow standing inside the door. He's in conversation with a young lady, maybe 35, holding a rolled cigarette in her hand between her thumb and pointer finger. The tobacco odor is thicker, more perfume-like now.

"I just need to look at your medical release form," the man tells you. "If you don't have it, I'm sure Jenny here will loan you hers." Jenny starts laughing. Not a normal "ha, ha, that's a funny one" chuckle but instead a burst of animated, uncontrollable laughter. You wonder if she'll ever stop.

So this is what legalized marijuana means in Florida. You think back to the campaign the proponents waged. A little old lady with a debilitating illness, saying she travels to the wrong side of town once a week because it's the only way she can get relief. "Yes, I break the law," she tells the television camera point blank. "But my health is more important than what other people say is right for me."

Then there's the 50-year-old woman, holding a crumpled Kleenex in her hand and dabbing at her eyes and nose as she tells her story. She glances over her shoulder at a man lying asleep in a bed as she talks. "My husband is being treated for cancer," she says. "So, yes. I buy marijuana. I do it for him. The treatments make him violently ill, but marijuana calms his stomach, and gives him relief like no other drug can." She pauses and looks down self-consciously.

"I don't like the fact that it's against the law," she chokes on this one, "but I'll do anything to make him feel better."

A clean-cut, well-dressed announcer comes into view. He says you can do something about it. Just vote for Proposition 109. He ends the commercial by saying, "Help legalize medicinal use of marijuana. Some day you may need it."

### *Your story*

Jenny, the woman at the Cannabis Club, has finally stopped laughing, and reaches into the back pocket of her tattered blue

# Life with Legalized Drugs



jeans to produce a folded piece of paper. "Here," she says. "It's on me." You take the letter, unfold it and study it. The paper looks like it's a tenth generation copy, as the words are hardly legible. The message is a generic one from a doctor, certifying that (insert name here) is sick and/or dying and has been approved for medicinal use of marijuana.

The young doorman waves at the paper, gives you a head to toe assessment and says, "You know, you look pretty sick. I'll let you in without the doctor's note."

You say thanks, but tell him you've got somewhere else to be. As you continue your walk down the street you remember the articles that had been published following the proposition's success. The actual wording of the new law says you don't need a prescription — the doctor's order can be oral or written. That explains Jenny's letter.

The movement started in California, you recall. Then the national papers told you about "Arizonians for drug policy reform." Very official sounding, you thought, and the

voters obviously did too, so they OK'd it.

The petition that started Florida's movement was titled, "Sign for Medical Freedom." It didn't say anything about trying to legalize drugs in the state, but it helped get the amendment on the ballot for the general election and the majority of voters were for it.

The day after the downtown incident, you read an article in your morning paper, that your county Sheriff is being sued to allow prisoners in the county jail to smoke marijuana. Several of the inmates have received written permission from their doctors, and you know it's just a matter of time before your tax dollars will be going to purchase drugs for convicts.

That night, on one of those undercover investigation shows, you see that same fellow who was in the commercial with the little old lady — he doesn't look so clean cut this time — holding a marijuana cigarette. There's an elderly woman sitting next to him, her head bowed down in the sleeping position. He's slumped down in his chair, a relaxed position, telling his listener, "The only way you can get people to agree about marijuana is medicinal." He drags on the cigarette and holds the smoke in his lungs, then slowly exhales.

"You've got to build a coalition made up of senior citizens, like Hazel here," he nods toward the sleeping woman. "Change the face of marijuana proponents from hippies to Hazel. That's what you've got to do."

So, it was all a farce. But too late for Florida.

Or is it?

### **The Truth:**

Though the pro-drug forces have moved into our state — they haven't yet been successful in getting the amendment on the ballot. They're trying again this year.

Floridians need to recognize that marijuana is a dangerous drug. Today's marijuana is 10 times more potent than the drug found in the early 1980s. It can cause deteriorating performance at work or school, muddled thinking, depression, isolation, impaired sexual development, damage to the lungs (one marijuana joint is equal to approximately 25 commercial cigarettes)

and increased risk to safety and health as a result of impaired judgment and motor abilities.

Prolonged use of marijuana often results in psychological dependence for the user. It's considered a "gateway" drug — casual users of marijuana often become chronic users or become abusers of "harder" drugs such as cocaine, LSD and other hallucinogens. Marijuana is shown to be addictive.

### What You Can Do:

The greatest defense against the legalization forces is information. Florida's strongest opponents can be found in the Save Our Society From Drugs and Drug Free America Foundation, Inc. For more information, contact Drug Free America Foundation, P.O. Box 11298, St. Petersburg, FL 33733-1298, or call (813) 893-2588.

For businesses, the Institute for a Drug-Free Workplace, is a non-profit coalition

promoting drug-free workplaces in the common interests of employees and employers. Write to: Institute for a Drug-Free Workplace, 12251 Street, NW, Ste. 1000, Washington, DC 20005-3914, phone (202) 842-7400 or visit their website: [www.drugfreeworkplace.org](http://www.drugfreeworkplace.org)

Do your part to stop the legalization of drugs before it starts. Get educated, get involved. You can make a difference.

## Star Brief

At the urging of his wife, Debbie, Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder signed up for the Leukemia Society's Team in Training "century ride," a 100-mile bicycle ride and fund raiser at Lake Tahoe on June 7.

Not wanting their boss to face this huge obstacle alone, Sheriff Crowder's bicycle patrol agreed to train and ride with him.

While training for a century ride can be a daunting task, it posed a unique challenge for one particular bike patrol member. Deputy Sheriff Shawn Boorman uses a prosthesis on one leg, and works patrol every day on a bicycle for the community oriented policing unit. Sheriff Crowder noted that this wasn't his first challenge,



From left, Deputy Sheriffs Dean Yingling, Lori Kandil, Forrest Yingling, Sheriff Bob Crowder, Deputy Sheriffs Shawn Boorman, Dennis Hanner and Greg Porter

though. Deputy Boorman was using the prosthesis before he successfully went through law enforcement training.

Congratulations, Sheriff Crowder and

team. Besides your personal achievement, the \$15,000 you raised for the Leukemia Society will make a huge difference.

## Task Force Update Operation "Clean Sweep" Nets 2,054 arrests

Operation Clean Sweep, a statewide operation that targeted criminals who violated the terms and conditions of their release from prison, drew to a close on April 26, resulting in the arrests of 678 parole, conditional and control release violators. In addition, 95 arrests were made for failure to pay child support and 1,281 arrests were made on other outstanding warrants, bringing the total number of arrests to 2,054.

A cooperative effort between the Florida Sheriffs Association Task Force and the Florida Parole Commission was the first statewide parole violator sweep in the state's history. All Sheriffs Offices participated, as well as personnel from the Florida Parole Commission, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

and Database Technologies, Inc.

Operation Clean Sweep was initially conceived by Ed Spooner, chairman of the Florida Parole Commission. He tapped the FSA Task Force to help launch a plan to locate and arrest violators of parole, conditional and control release.

The Task Force was created in 1989 in response to the exploding crack cocaine problem. In 1993, the Florida Sheriffs Broadened the scope and purpose of its statewide task force to include all areas of criminal activity.

Since 1989, the FSA statewide Task Force has been involved in 24 operations resulting in over 33,660 drug arrests, 15,017 nonsupport arrests and millions of dollars in drugs, property and cash seizures as well as \$3,315,722 in nonsupport purges.

The success of the plan is helping send a strong message from the parole commission, "Those who violate the terms of their release will be arrested."



# FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL

This honor roll gives special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to progressive law enforcement by supporting the Florida Sheriffs Association as honorary members for 25 years or more. Also shown are two recent Business Members.



## GOLD BUSINESS MEMBERS

**PALM BEACH COUNTY** - Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Robert W. Neumann to Al Pacheco (left), Wackenhut Corrections Corp.

**DADE COUNTY** - Presented by Metro-Dade Police Department Major Jeanne Forester to James J. Sensale.



William R. Williams



Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Tucker



Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Sharpe



Mr. & Mrs. John Mueller

**PALM BEACH COUNTY** - 25-year certificate presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Robert W. Neumann to William R. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Tucker, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Sharpe, Mr. & Mrs. John Mueller, Richard Foreman, James and Bea Feldkamp, John Dagowich, Maj. William R. Brabham and James Barrett.



Richard Foreman



James and Bea Feldkamp



John Dagowich



Maj. William R. Brabham



James Barrett



**SARASOTA COUNTY** - 30-year certificate presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge to Calvin W. Erb (left).



**ORANGE COUNTY** - 30-year certificate presented by Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary to Robert Nestor (left).



**DIXIE COUNTY** - 30-year certificate presented by Dixie County Sheriff Dewey Hatcher to Paul E. Johnson (right).



**GILCHRIST COUNTY** - 30-year certificate presented by Gilchrist County Sheriff David P. Turner to Charles T. Byram (right).



Bernice Cameron



Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Hunt



Buck Kinnaid

**PALM BEACH COUNTY** - 30-year certificate presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Robert W. Neumann to Bernice Cameron, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Hunt also receiving a Lifetime Membership plaque, and Buck Kinnaid.



# FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES

## HONOR ROLL

On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving \$2,500 or more in cash or \$5,000 or more in non-cash gifts to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and lifetime subscriptions to *The Sheriff's Star* and *The Rancher*. Under a regulation which became effective in 1984, those whose gifts total over \$5,000 will receive additional gold stars on their plaques – one for \$5,000, two for \$10,000, and so on, up to a maximum of five stars for gifts totaling over \$25,000.

### New Lifetime Honorary Members

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Mr. and Mrs. Roland W. Corriveau  
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DeLand Rotary Club  
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Fleet Reserve Association  
Brand 91 – Jacksonville  
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Mrs. Robert G. Heller  
Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Helvenston, IV  
Mrs. Rebecca A. Jester  
Ms. Vivian M. Johns  
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Johnson  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill R. Kirkpatrick  
Mr. Edward V. Z. Lane  
Mrs. Clara E. Lively  
Mrs. Madeleine E. Lord  
Mr. Allen Ludlum

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Marchinno  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Micelotta  
Mr. J. Scott Miller  
Mrs. Mary Alice Narwold  
Ms. Dominick Petrulli  
Pi Omicron/Beta Sigma Phi – Palm Harbor  
Pierson Garden Club  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Renard  
Mrs. Neal J. Romano  
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Sarasota County School Board  
Ltc. Vilas W. Schaffnit  
Mr. David E. Siegwald  
Mr. and Mrs. John V. Smith  
Mrs. Kathy Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Somerville  
Ms. Ruth Sonn  
Spring Hill 1st United Methodist Men  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stone  
Mr. Dennis J. Strow  
Surrey Place Convalescent Center – Live Oak  
Telephone Pioneers of America  
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Mrs. Margaret B. Williams



**HERNANDO COUNTY** - Presented by Polk County Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow (right) to Hernando County Sheriff Tom Mylander and his wife, Sandy for personal gifts to the Youth Ranches.



**LEON COUNTY** - Presented by Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell (center) and Youth Ranches Development Officer Linda Crews to Dr. A. C. McCully representing the Charles A. Fruehauf Foundation.



Deputy and Mrs. Tony Di Franco



Mr. & Mrs. Norman Ridgely

**INDIAN RIVER** - Presented by Indian River County Sheriff Gary Wheeler (center) to Deputy and Mrs. Tony Di Franco and Mr. & Mrs. Norman Ridgely.



Charlotte Cason



Dr. Peter De Souza



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith

**MADISON COUNTY** - Presented by Madison County Sheriff Joe Peavy (right) to Charlotte Cason, Dr. Peter De Souza, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith.



Tom Pledger



**PALM BEACH COUNTY** - Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Robert W. Neumann to Tom Pledger and Priscilla Ashley.

# YOUTH RANCHES HONOR ROLL CONTINUED . . .



Mr. and Mrs. John Brigman



Robert Flowers



Janet C. Pilkington

MARTIN COUNTY - Presented by Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder to Mr. and Mrs. John Brigman, Robert Flowers, and Janet C. Pilkington.



PINELLAS COUNTY - Presented by Polk County Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow, Jr. to Pinellas County Sheriff Everett S. Rice (left) and his wife, Linda (not pictured) for personal gifts to the boys and girls of the Youth Ranches.



Elene Castrechino



Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Kohler



Mrs. Jerome Greenhouse



PINELLAS COUNTY - Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett S. Rice (right) and Youth Ranches Development Officer Terry Gregg to George Blick.

PINELLAS COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranches Development Officer Terry Gregg to Elene Castrechino, Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Kohler, Mrs. Jerome Greenhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Lublin, Marlene Mason, William Moberley, John Piazza, president of Adult Care Management Corporation; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Shook, Louise H. Tweedy, and Susan Youngs.



Mr. and Mrs. Irving Lublin



Marlene Mason



William Moberley



PALM HARBOR - Presented by Senior Development Officer Hank Edwards (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Distenfield.



John Piazza



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roth



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Shook



SUWANNEE COUNTY - Presented by Suwannee County Sheriff's Office Major Les Hall to Mr. and Mrs. George Cory IV.



Louise H. Tweedy



Susan Youngs



PALM BEACH COUNTY - Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Robert W. Neumann to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Green.



VOLUSIA COUNTY - Presented by Youth Ranches Development Officer Mac Stones (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rudd.

## Attention Members:

### Has Your Address Changed Due to 9-1-1 or Have You Moved?

Emergency management officials have been working to improve access for emergency vehicles in neighborhoods throughout the state. In cases where street names were similar, they have actually changed the residents' addresses.

Unfortunately, this also means that mail often gets re-routed by the Post Office, and in some cases is returned marked "No such number."

We don't want to lose you as a valuable member, but if your address has been changed, you may not be receiving your FSA mailings.

Please take a moment to check the mailing label on

the back cover of this magazine. If your address is different in any way, let us know. Just cut out the current label, paste it on the outline below, then write your new address next to it and return it to:

The Florida Sheriffs Association  
P.O. Box 12519  
Tallahassee, FL 32317-2519  
Or, if you prefer, fax it to: (850) 878-8665

OLD ADDRESS:

OLD MAILING LABEL FROM BACK  
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NEW ADDRESS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Area code/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUTH RANCHES HONOR ROLL CONTINUED . . .



Mr. & Mrs. Carl Brenner



Lawrence DeGeorge



Celso Figueredo



Robert Renault



Dr. Elizabeth Williamson



Connie Williams



Karen Wrock



Lillian Avera



Dr. Ellain Klatt



Jeff Lewin



Mr. & Mrs. John Rogers



Earl Ward

PALM BEACH COUNTY - Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Robert W. Neumann to Lillian Avera, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Brenner, Lawrence DeGeorge, Celso Figueredo, Robert Renault, Connie Williams, Karen Wrock, Dr. Ellain Klatt, Jeff Lewin, Mr. & Mrs. John Rogers, Earl Ward, and Dr. Elizabeth Williamson.

# The Florida Sheriffs' Work Recognized

The following letter was sent to the Florida Sheriffs Association in gratitude for a \$6,000 donation that the FSA Board of Directors voted to make to the Ed and Frances Blackburn Memorial Endowment Fund. The fund was established in memory of Ed Blackburn, long-time Sheriff of Hillsborough County, and his wife, Frances. Blackburn was founder of both the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, forerunner of the present Florida Department of Law Enforcement. He died on December 9, 1997.



*Dear Florida Sheriffs:*

*Almost all of my life I have been aware of law enforcement folks. I was always taught to go to them for help, should I need it. Almost without being told, I knew to respect the protectors of the law who served in such a dangerous job and who truly cared for others. Understanding the long hours and less-than-wonderful salaries was pretty obvious. And being "the Sheriff's daughter," was wonderful and awful. (You can't do anything when everybody knows your dad is THE sheriff!) Topping all of this, always, was the pride.*

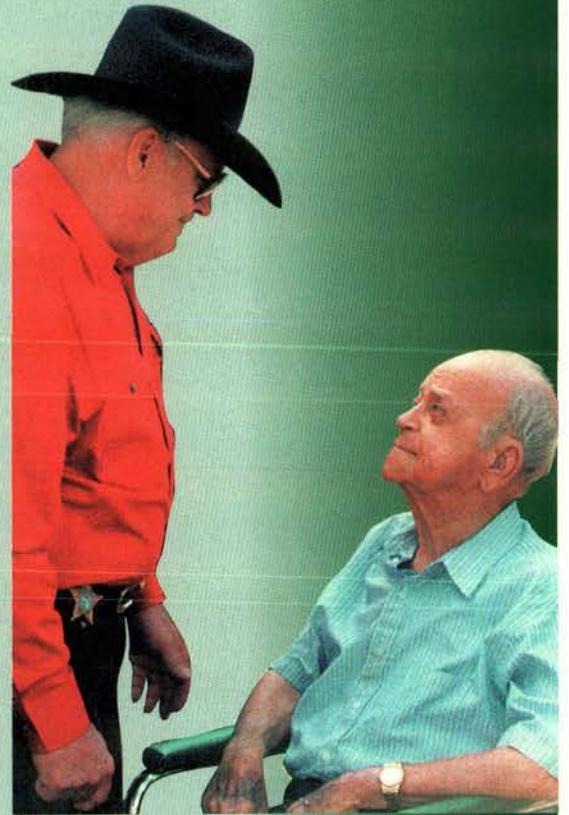
*Now I must add another adjective. I am overwhelmed by your generosity! Your gift to the Ed and Frances Blackburn Memorial Endowment Fund is spectacular. The (Youth) Ranches were such a part of their lives. The boys and girls meant so much. Mother and Daddy never believed in small dreams. And they were so thrilled for their dreams to come true. You have meant more than you can imagine to that dream. And now you're doing even more. How do I thank you?*

*I can just see Daddy smile and lower his head a little. In his words, I can say that the gift pleases him "more than you could ever know."*

*Thank you for continuing to care. Good work for our youth, like that of the ranches, needs to continue to grow. I know that Daddy appreciates your efforts to keep the dream alive. And so do I!*

*The Sheriff's Daughter,*

*Barbara Blackburn Cook*



*Ed Blackburn, seated, visits with Polk County Sheriff Lawrence Crow at a Youth Ranch gathering shortly before his death last December.*

